



COMPLIANCE UPDATE
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2015 FEDERAL STUDENT AID TRAINING CONFERENCE

The 2015 Federal Student Aid Training Conference *for Financial Aid Professionals* was held Dec. 1-4, 2015 at the Mandalay Bay Resort in Las Vegas, Nevada. Approximately 7,000 financial aid professionals attended the annual conference to learn from USDE staff and other industry professionals. This free training conference is geared toward financial aid professionals that work for schools/institutions receiving Title IV funds. Attendees had an opportunity to; learn more about federal regulations and new legislation passed by Congress, interact with federal subject matter experts, network with peers and colleagues regarding industry best practices, and gain hands-on experience using student loan data systems. Some of the topics for this year's conference program included changes and updates to the following:

- Clery Act and Title IX Compliance
- FAFSA Application and Verification
- Gainful Employment-The Challenge System
- Challenge and Appeal Cohort Default Rates
- Income Driven Repayment Plans
- Federal Student Aid Complaint System
- Third Party Servicers
- Cybersecurity Initiatives, Data Protection and Identity Theft
- Federal Perkins Loan Program

Sessions range from learning the basics of Title IV processing to more in depth compliance issues. The Open Forums and Birds-of-a-Feather sessions give financial aid administrators the opportunity to ask questions of USDE staff, as well as offer comments and suggestions about financial aid issues they may be experiencing.

For those of you unable to attend the conference, you can still gain benefit from the sessions. The USDE has posted [PowerPoint presentations](#) for most of the sessions on the [2015 FSA Training Conference website](#). The USDE has also added [video recordings](#) for select sessions, so be sure to review those for more information.